(*b*) if so, when the work would be taken up ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity)

(*a*) Preliminary plans and estimates have been prepared.

(b) The work will be taken up as and when funds are available.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR BASAVA KALYANA BHALKI-TALUK

526. SRI BAPU RAO ANANDA RAO (Basavakalyan) —

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the stage of consideration of the proposal of the Rural Electrification Programme for Basavakalyana Bhalk Taluk in Bidar District,

(b) the number of villages already covered by this programme in Basavakalyan taluk, Bidar District.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity)

(*a*) The Rural Electrification Scheme for Bhalki taluk has been sent to the Rural Electrification Corporation for sanction on 15-2-74 while that for Basavakalyan taluk will be sent to the Corporation during March 1974.

(b) The proposed scheme for Basavakalyan covers electrification of 40 villages.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re. fire accident in Hospet City on 2nd March 1974

SRI B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet). -I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the fire accident that occured in Hospet City on 2nd March, 1974

SRI MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education).—on behalf of the Chief Minister, I make the folwing Statement.

It is reported that on 2nd March 1974, at about 4-45 P.M. a fire broke out in the slum area at Siddalingappa's Chowk, Hospet Town. The Deputy Superintendent of Police rushed the suot immediately